

REMARKS

Claims 2-17, 26, and 27 were pending in the above-identified patent application when last examined and are amended as indicated above. The title of the application is being amended to better reflect the scope of the claims remaining after this amendment.

Claims 2, 3, 6, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,198,127, hereinafter Kocon. Claims 2, 3, 6, and 10 are canceled.

Claims 5 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kocon in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,049,108, hereinafter Williams. Claims 5 and 27 are canceled.

Claims 4, 11, 14, 17, and 26 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kocon in view of Williams. Claims 4, 11, 14, 17, and 26 are canceled.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kocon in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,689,128, hereinafter Hshieh. Claims 12 and 13 are canceled.

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kocon in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,396,102, hereinafter Calafut. Claims 15 and 16 are canceled.

In summary, claims 2-17, 26, and 27 were pending in the application. This response cancels rejected claims 2-6, 10-17, 26, and 27, leaving only allowed claims 7-9. For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application including claims 7-9.

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